

Remarks

Claims 1 – 20 are pending in this case. The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8 and 14-15 on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1, 4-5 and 7 of copending application 10/564,611 and claims 1-3, 5-9, 14-16 and 18 on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1, 4-5, 7, 19 and 23 of copending application 10/564,612. Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that copending application 10/564,611 has now issued as US7423095. Although Applicants are not convinced that there is a double patenting issue, to further prosecution, Applicants will submit terminal disclaimers. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to allow Claims 1-20 to issue.

This reply is being submitted within the period for response to the outstanding office action. Although the applicants believe in good faith that no extensions of time are needed, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

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